

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

An apparatus for releasably securing a plurality of arc plates in an arc extinguishing chamber or arc stack. The arc stack includes a plurality of arc plates separated by an air gap. The arc plates slide into a slot in the arc stack housing. A stop member and a locking tab position and secure the arc plate in the housing. A stop member and a locking tab position and secure the arc plate in the housing. The arc plate engages the spring-like stop member and the locking tab, which restrain the arc plate from moving or vibrating after being locked in place.